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Dear Stan:

Forgive the lateness of my acknowledgment. Your letter followed me to Europe and then to California, just missing me from point to point. I appreciate your writing and the information you pass along. As a professional journalist, I think I can say with some conviction that the Hartford Courant's precis of what you said is not really distorted. But of course the longer text provides refinements. I understand that your professional concern is correctly oriented toward the problems of the future. But we are a highly moralistic society, and justly concerned to wrestle with problems of the past, even if they are unlikely to be repeated. There is an unhappy inclination on the part of many Americans to put the whole Southeast Asian experience down the memory hole. Witness the difficulty in attracting any public attention to the appalling events in Cambodia. . . I am very happy to hear from you about Tom Polgar. He wrote me an indignant letter, which he had every right to do. Actually, I found Snapp's treatment of him not entirely unsympathetic. By the way, advise me if you have any objections to my

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publishing your letter in my editor's column in National Review, which I have used for twenty years as a clearing house for such matters.

So how are you, old shoe? And did you know that I have been named an honorary admiral of the Pearl Harbor Committee to Keep One's Eyes on the Russian Fleet? I trust you will not let the committee down.

With warm personal regards,

Buck
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